

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (currently amended): A method of forming a pattern of at least two coatings onto a base substrate ~~to achieve edge alignment between at least a part of each of said coatings along at least a part of one edge of said pattern~~, the method comprising:

- providing a substrate comprising at least one base;
- applying a first coating to at least a part of said base;
- applying at least a second coating over at least a portion of said first coating; and
- during formation of said pattern, modifying ~~at least a~~ shape of said portion of said first coating over-covered by said second coating by applying energy to said portion of said first coating through an over-covered region of said second coating, wherein the first coating expands or contracts to form said pattern ~~such that a characteristic of said first coating is altered~~.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The method of claim 23, further comprising:

- transferring said first coating and said second coating to a material, wherein said transferring has at least one characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) said transferring uses heat application, (ii) said transferring uses pressure, and (iii) said transferring uses heat application in which at least one coating of metalized material is applied over at least a portion of said base before applying said first coating.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method of claim 23, wherein at least one of first coating and said second coating has a characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) said coating is substantially opaque, (ii) said coating comprises ink, (iii) said coating comprises printing-applied ink, (iv) said coating comprises ceramic ink, (v) said coating comprises inked indicia, and (vi) said coating comprises metal.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The method of claim 23, wherein said providing the substrate includes providing a base substrate comprising transfer material, and further including releasing a laminate pattern of said applied coatings from said transfer material by application of at least one of pressure, heat, and radiation.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The method of claim 23, wherein said first coating is applied to a side region of said substrate.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method of claim 23, wherein said modifying at least the portion includes forming a plurality of edges to define at least one light passage.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method of claim 28, further including disposing said substrate proximate a see-through surface.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The method of claim 29, wherein said disposing has at least one characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) said disposing uses adhesive, (ii) said disposing uses magnetic attraction, (iii) said disposing uses static cling, (iv) said disposing uses heat, and (v) said disposing uses pressure.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The method of claim 28, further including disposing said first coating and said second coating proximate a see-through surface.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A method of forming a laminate pattern of coatings onto a material ~~with alignment between at least two of successive coatings along at least one defined edge of the pattern as well as at least one area of the successive coatings not immediately adjacent said edge~~, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a base having at least three surfaces, said base forming a support substrate for said material;

modifying said base to provide a desired pattern of edges;
applying a first coating having a first coating portion whose shape is modifiable by energy applied during said method of forming to at least one of a first surface of said base;
applying at least a second coating over at least a portion of said first coating so as to define a laminate pattern of coatings with perimeter coating alignment along at least one defined edge; and
during formation of said laminate pattern, modifying said portion of said first coating ~~portion~~ over-covered by said second coating by applying energy to said portion of said first coating ~~portion~~ through an over-covered region of said second coating, wherein the first coating expands or contracts to form said laminate pattern.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The method of claim 32, wherein said base comprises at least one material selected from a group consisting of paper, metal, glass, and plastic.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The method of claim 32, wherein at least one of said first coating and said second coating has at least one characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) said coating is substantially opaque, (ii) said coating comprises ink, (iii) said coating forms indicia, and (iv) said coating is light transmissive.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The method of claim 32, further comprising:
applying at least one metal coating over at least a portion of said base.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The method of claim 32, further comprising:
applying a light absorbing coating over at least a portion of a second surface of said base.

Claim 37 (currently amended): A method of forming a pattern of coatings onto a panel, the method comprising:

providing a base that forms a support substrate for said panel;

modifying said base to form an edge to define a perimeter for coatings to be applied subsequently;

after forming said edge, applying a first coating having a first coating portion whose shape is modifiable by energy applied during said method of forming to at least a part of said base so as to be in proximity to said edge;

applying at least one additional coating over at least a portion of said first coating so as to be in proximity to said edge, wherein alignment exists between said first coating and said additional coating at said edge; and

during formation of said pattern, modifying said portion of said first coating portion over-covered by said second coating by applying energy to said portion of said first coating portion through an over-covered region of said ~~second~~ additional coating, wherein the first coating expands or contracts to form said pattern.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The method of claim 37, wherein at least one of said first coating and said second coating has a characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) the coating is substantially opaque, (ii) the coating comprises ink, (iii) the coating comprises printed ink, (iv) the coating comprises machine-printed ink, (v) the coating comprises inkjet printed ink, (vi) the coating comprises ceramic, and (vii) the coating comprises metal.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The method of claim 37, further comprising:
transferring said coatings to a material.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The method of claim 37, further comprising:
transferring at least one of said coatings by application of at least one material or force selected from a group consisting of (i) pressure, (ii) heat, (iii) radiation, (iv) treatment, (v) liquid, (vi) powder, (vii) stamping, (viii) deposition, (ix) sublimation, (x) electrostatic attraction, (xi) electrostatic repulsion, (xii) magnetic attraction, (xiii) magnetic repulsion, and (xiv) gravity.

Claim 41 (currently amended): A method of forming a laminate pattern of coatings onto a material ~~wherein successive coatings are aligned along at least one defined edge as well as at areas of said successive coatings that are not immediately adjacent said edge~~, the method comprising:

providing a base substrate having at least one base surface;

modifying said base surface to define at least one edge of said base substrate;

applying a first coating having a first coating portion whose shape is modifiable by energy applied during said method of forming to said base substrate so as to use said edge of said base substrate to define at least one perimeter of said first coating;

applying a second coating adjacent said first coating so as to use said edge of said substrate to define at least one perimeter of said second coating, and to use another edge of said first coating to define a second edge, wherein successive coatings are aligned along said edge of said substrate and also at regions of said successive coatings not immediate adjacent said edge of said substrate; and

during formation of said laminate pattern, modifying said first coating portion over-covered by said second coating by applying energy to said first coating portion through an over-covered region of said second coating, wherein the first coating expands or contracts to form said laminate pattern.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein said applying the second coating includes applying said second coating on said first coating.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The method of claim 41, wherein said applying the second coating includes applying said second coating in close proximity to said first coating.

Claim 44 (cancelled).